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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

PS – PR and RD Department – Allegations of irregularities in execution of works under MGNREGS - Charges framed against **Sri K.S. Chalapathi Rao, Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Kurupam** - Inquiry conducted – Charges are held not proved – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.109 **Dated.17.03.2023.**

Read the following:

1. From the ENC,PR, Letter No. Vig. I (1)/1001/2015, dated: 04.08.2015.
2. G.O.Rt.No.460, PR&RD (Vig. I) Department, Dt: 12.05.2016.
3. G.O.Rt.No.468, PR&RD (Vig. I) Department, Dt: 12.05.2016.
4. From the ENC,PR, Letter No. Vig. I (1)/1001/2015, dated: 23.11.2018.
5. G.O.Rt.No. 419, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt.13.06.2019.
6. G.O.Rt.No. 420, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt.13.06.2019.
7. From the ENC,PR and Inquiry Officer, Letter NO. EnC (PR)/1001/Enquiry Report/2015, dated: 24.03.2021.
8. Govt. Memo No. 12564/Vig. I/2015-11, PR&RD (Vig. I) Department, Dt: 13.04.2022.
9. From the ENC,PR, Letter No. Vig. I (1)/ 1001/2015, dated: 22.06.2022.

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ORDER:

Based on the recommendations of the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P made in the reference 1st read above relating to certain allegation of irregularities in execution of works under MGNREGS, Government vide reference 2nd read above, have initiated common disciplinary proceedings under Rule 24 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 and framed following article of charges against **Sri K.S. Chalapathi Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Kurupam** under Rule 20 of above said Rules, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence :

Charge-I

That Sri K.S. Chalapathi Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub- division, Kurupam, now at Palasa, Srikakulam District during his tenure as Dy. Executive Engineer, Kurupam, Vizianagaram district, executed **providing internal roads with CC drains in SC/ST colonies Kondawada Panchayati limits in GL Puram Mandal (at Kurasangi Village**), under MGNREGS during 2012-13 and committed certain irregularities like (i) deficiency in thickness of CC pavement in Bit. 1 & Bit. 2 is more than 20% and rejected. He is responsible for misappropriation of Government funds to a tune of amount of Rs.3,73,002/-.

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By his above mentioned act, **Sri K.S. Chalapathi Rao**, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub- division, Kurupam, now at Palasa, Srikakulam District failed to discharge his duties, lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant & thereby contravened Rules, 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Charge -2 :

That **Sri K.S. Chalapathi Rao**, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub- division, Kurupam, now at Palasa, Srikakulam District during his tenure as Dy. Executive Engineer, Kurupam, Vizianagaram district,, executed **providing internal roads with CC drains in SC/ST colonies in Gottiwada (GP Gottiwada of Kurupam mandal),** under MGNREGS during 2012-13 and committed certain irregularities like (i) deficiency in thickness of CC pavement is more than 20% and rejection and (ii) less depth of drain wall on R/S. He is responsible for misappropriation of Government funds to a tune of amount of Rs.65,718/-.

By his above mentioned act, **Sri K.S. Chalapathi Rao**, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub- division, Kurupam, now at Palasa, Srikakulam District failed to discharge his duties, lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant & thereby contravened Rules, 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

2. In the reference 4th read above, the ENC,PR among others, has furnished dated acknowledgment copy regarding service of charges on the charged officer **Sri K.S. Chalapathi Rao, former Dy.EE, PR, Kurupam** and working as Dy.EE, PIU, Anakapalli on 15.11.2018. But the charged officer has not submitted his written statement of defence.

3. Government after examination, have decided to conduct regular inquiry against the charged officer **Sri K.S. Chalapathi Rao, Deputy Executive Engineer (PR)** including against ten (10) other co-charged officers involved in the case. Accordingly, in the reference 5th read above, Government appointed the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P, Vijayawada as the Inquiry Authority under Rule 20 (2) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 to inquire into the charges framed against all the charged officers in the matter. The Chief Engineer, NABARD has been appointed as Presenting Officer under Rule 20 (5)(c) of above said rules to present the case before the Inquiry Authority on behalf of the disciplinary authority in the matter, vide reference 6th read above.

4. In the reference 7th read above, the Engineer-in –Chief, PR and Inquiry Authority has furnished inquiry report dt: 24.03.2021 wherein the Inquiry Authority among others, has held that as per re-inspection report of the Executive Engineer, Vig. & QC, Srikakulam dated: 01.06.2020, with regard to Charge-1, the deficiencies observed were within permissible limits and total recovery proposed is Rs.1,08,107/-(as against earlier value of Rs.3,73,002/-) and the same has been recovered and held that charge-1 is **not held proved**.

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With regard to Charge-2, the Inquiry Authority has held that as per the re-inspection report of the Executive Engineer, Vig. & QC, Srikakulam dt: 01.06.2020, the deficiencies are within permissible limits and total recovery of Rs.37,350/-has been proposed (as against earlier value of Rs. Rs.65,718/) and the same has been recovered and held that charge-2 is **not held proved** against the charged officer **Sri K.S. Chalapathi Rao, Deputy Executive Engineer (PR).**

5. In the reference 8th read above, Government, among others, have communicated a copy of the inquiry report to the charged officer **Sri K.S. Chalapathi Rao, former Dy.EE, PR, Kurupam** as per Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 for his representation if any on the findings of the Inquiry Officer.

6. In the reference 9th read above, the ENC, PR, AP, Vijayawada has forwarded the representation dt:31.5.2022 of the charged officer **Sri K.S. Chalapathi Rao, former Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Kurupam and working as Dy.EE, PRI Sub-Division, Palasa**, wherein the charged officer has requested to accept the findings of Inquiry Authority and to drop charges against him.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter, have decided and accordingly hereby drop further action against **Sri K.S. Chalapathi Rao, former Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Kurupam and working as Dy.EE, PRI Sub-Division, Palasa** in the matter.

8. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P, Vijayawada shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B.RAJSEKHAR, IAS
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer-in- Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
Sri K.S. Chalapathi Rao, former Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Kurupam and working as Dy.EE, PRI Sub-Division, Palasa

Copy to:
The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The Accountant General, AP, Vijayawada.
The P.R. & R.D (Estt. I) Department.
OSD to Hon'ble Dy.C.M for PR&RD.,
PS to Spl. Chief Secretary to Govt., PR&RD. Dept.,,
SF/SC.

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